The Conditions of Privilege, 2025

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A Home to Return to
Abilities
Ability to Conceive
Ability to Drive
Ability to Have a Family
Ability to Marry
Ability to Troll
Ability to Vote
Able-bodied | Typical
Abortion Rights
Access to Abortion
Access to Birth Control
Access to Community
Access to Democracy
Access to Food
Access to Hydration
Access to Information
Access to Money
Access to Surveillance
Age | Seniority
Agency
Air Conditioning | Heat
Alternative Medicine
Amazon
Ancestry
Apps
Assistive Technology
Attractiveness
Autonomy
Banking
Basic Necessities
Beauty
Benefits
Bilingual | Multi-lingual
Birth Control
Bodily Autonomy
Body Positivity
Cannabis
Care Takers
Cash Labor
Cell Phones
Childcare
Cigars
Cisgender
Citizenship
Civic Infrastructure
Civil Rights
Class
Clean Water
Clothing
Communication Skills
Community
Constitutional Recognition
Conventional Body

Cosmetics
Creativity
Credit
Credit Score
Cryptocurrency
Cultural Acceptance
Curbside | Delivery Culture
Data Monitoring
Death with Dignity
Deference
Delicacies
Delivery Services
Democracy
Dentistry
Discretionary Money
Documentation
Door Dash + Others
Drinking Water
Education
Electricity
Emotional Intelligence
Employability
Employment Opps
English Speaking
Entertainment
Experiences
Fair Labor
Fair Pay
Faith/In Community
Family
Family Connections
Family Support
Favorable National Identity
Female Health Care
Festivals
Filtered Air
Financial Inheritance
Financial Security
Financial Stability
Fine Spirits
Food Security
Free Speech
Freedom
Freedom from Abuse
Freedom from Blight
Freedom from Censorship
Freedom from Poverty
Freedom from Violence
Freedom to Create
Freedom to Experience
Freedom to Express Identity
Freedom to Grow
Freedom to Learn
Freedom to Migrate
Freedom to Move
Freedom to Question
Freedom to Travel
Freedom to Understand
Freedom to Work
Global Foods
Golf
Good Health
Good Schools
Having a Visa
Healthcare
Healthy Relationships
Home Ownership
Horse Culture
Housing
Human Rights
Hygiene
Hygiene Products
Ice | Refrigeration
Immigration Status
Insurance
Intelligence
Internet Access
Investments
Labor on Demand
Land Ownership
Lawns | Landscaping
Legacy
Legal Protections
Leisure
Leisure Time
Life
Literacy
Literature
Long Life Expectancy
Luxury Brands
Lyft | Uber
Majority
Medical Cannabis
Medical Equipment
Medicine
Mental Health
Mental Health Support
Mobility
Museums
Natural Resources
Nature
New Anything
New Technology
No Criminal Record
No Experience with Violence
No Incarceration
No War
Nomadic Roots
Non-delinquent
Only Child
Orthodontics
Pandemic Protections
Pandemic Survival
Passport (US | EU)
Peace
Peace of Mind
Pets
Pharmacology
Physical Safety
Political Representation
PPE
Privacy
Private Clubs
Private Education
Privileged Minority Status
Public Infrastructure
Public Transit
Quarantine
Race
Racial Capitalism
Recognized Gender
Recognized Identity

Recognized Indigeneity
Recognized Sovereignty
Recognized Statehood
Religion
Religious Freedom
Remote Learning
Remote Work
Reproductive Health Care
Reputation
Resources
Respect
Respiratory Capitalism
Rest
Restaurants
Retirement
Right to Privacy
Right to Protest
Right to Rest
Rights
Safety
Salary
Sanitary Products
Sanitation
Security
Sexuality
Shelter
Smart Cars
Smart Homes
Smart Tech
Social Distancing
Social Media
Social Network
Social Skills
Social Status
Specialists
Sports Viewing
Stability
Straight
Streaming Services
Suffrage
Support System
Survival (War | Genocide)
Sweat Labor Goods
Sweets
Tech for Learning (ChatGpt)
Technology
TikTok
Time Affluence
Time Shares
Traditional | Nuclear Family
Transportation
Travel
Unpaid Internships
Vaccinations
Vaccines
Valet
Vanity Money
Vehicle Ownership
Virtual Education
Vision
Voice | Ability to Speak Out
Voting Rights
White Identity
Whiteness
Wine
Wisdom
Yard Care
Youth

This document builds on a chalk scroll and previous list created in 2018 with my students in Global Perspectives in Contemporary Art at University of California, Berkeley; it is now permanently archived online by the California Digital Library. This current list of the conditions of privilege reflects dramatic shifts in recent years, including the 2020 outbreak of the Coronavirus global public health crisis, which, to date, has killed more than one million Americans and nearly ten million people worldwide.

In Expressive Culture: Art & Museums in Washington DC at NYU DC, students examine the fundamental issues associated with interpretation of the arts and investigate the complex relations between artistic activity and other facets of social and political life. Our framework, which I call Intersectional Futurism, considers privilege, representation, responsibility, accountability, and inclusion in relation to race, gender, identity, class, education, and ability. Our focus is the Smithsonian Institution and we visit several museums on the National Mall for direct observations and field work.

We consider a variety of texts including writing by Geraldine Ah-Sue, Judith Baca, Maurice Berger, George Brown Goode, Lisa Corrin, Holland Cotter, Kimberlé Crenshaw, W. E. B. DuBois, Tal Fortgang, David Harvey, bell hooks, Philip Kennicott, Christopher Knight, Peggy McIntosh, Aurora Levins Morales, Colin Moynihan, Linda Nochlin, Samantha Pell, Adrian Piper, Julia Rose, Salman Rushdie, Michael Schaffer, Susan Sontag, Hito Steyerl, Alex Tizon, Christopher Vernon, Olga Viso, Christine Wong Yap, and Chin-tao Wu.

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